ment of the infectious sputum positive cases with supervised short course chemotherapy in order to reduce the risk of infection.

**Setting up of Nursing Homes in Delhi by business houses**

5653. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an increasing number of business houses are setting up nursing homes in Delhi as part of their business ventures;

(b) whether many of these nursing homes are charging exorbitant fees from the patients and the services are not upto the standard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that out of 124 registered nursing homes, 7 have been set up by business houses.

(b) No such complaint has been received by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

**Epilepsy as a ground for Divorce**

5654. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Epilepsy is still a ground for divorce under the Indian divorce laws ;

(b) whether the world Congress of Neurology held in New Delhi in 1989-90 had recommended the withdrawal of epilepsy as a ground for divorce; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 as well as the Special Marriage Act, 1954 having recurrent attacks of insanity or epilepsy at the time of marriage is a ground for grant of a decree of nullity of the marriage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have consulted the State Governments/Union Territory Administration on the proposal to delete reference to epilepsy in the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and the Special Marriage Act, 1954. The matter is under active consideration and a decision will be taken in consultation with the other concerned Ministries.

**यूनानी दवाइयों के लिए क्रय मंत्रणा समिति**

5655. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यूनानी दवाओं के संबंध में क्रय मंत्रणा समिति का वर्तमान स्वरूप और संघटन क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त समिति में वरिष्ठ डाक्टरों को शामिल नहीं किया गया है ;

(ग) उक्त समिति में लोगों को शामिल करने के लिए मानदंड क्या है ;

(घ) क्या इस संबंध में कतिपय आपत्तियां भी प्राप्त हुई हैं ;